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## **What is Iowa Youth Congress (IYC)?**

The Iowa Youth Congress (IYC) brings students from around the state to discuss issues that affect youth. Youth of diverse backgrounds will learn about state and local government, advocacy, and civic engagement. Students gain valuable leadership skills such as public speaking, problem solving, and debate. IYC is modeled after the Iowa House of Representatives and accepts up to 100 high school participants.

Students will be part of regions based on geographical location. Based on their interests and goals, each region will focus on civic engagement, advocacy in their community and around the state. The term is one year (July – June). Eligible students may reapply for additional terms.

## **Who is eligible?**

- Applicants must be high school students between 14-18 years old.
- Applicants must live in Iowa.
- Applicants must submit a completed application.

Applications to participate in IYC for the 2019-2020 term must be postmarked or delivered by **June 10, 2019.**

### **Send applications to:**

Claire Yocom, IYC Coordinator  
Iowa Department of Human Rights  
321 E. 12th Street  
Lucas State Office Building, 2nd Floor  
Des Moines, IA 50319  
Email: [Claire.Yocom@Iowa.gov](mailto:Claire.Yocom@Iowa.gov)

**For more information regarding IYC or the application process, contact:** Claire Yocom at [Claire.Yocom@iowa.gov](mailto:Claire.Yocom@iowa.gov) or 515-725-2836 or go to <https://humanrights.iowa.gov/iowa-youth-congress>.

The Iowa Department of Human Rights offers more opportunities for youth engagement. For more information, please visit website: <https://humanrights.iowa.gov/>.



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### Iowa Youth Congress (IYC) Application

<b>Applicant Information</b>	
Name _____	Grade (2019-2020): _____
School: _____	Date of Birth: _____
E-mail: _____	Age: _____
Home Address: _____	
City: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____	Cell Phone: _____

<b>Parent/Guardian Information</b>	
Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____	
Street Address _____	
City, State, Zip _____	
Work Phone _____	Cell Phone _____
E-mail _____	

<b>Signature of Applicant</b>	
<b>Applicant Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

<b>Parent's or Guardian's permission to apply for Iowa Youth Congress.</b>	
<b>Parent/ Guardian Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>



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### **Applicant Questions**

1. How did you hear about Iowa Youth Congress and why are you interested in participating?
2. Iowa Youth Congress advocates for issues that impact the youth of Iowa. What issues are important to you?
3. We strive to make Iowa Youth Congress the best opportunity for members. What are your goals as a participant of Iowa Youth Congress?



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4. Please list organizations/clubs, extra-curricular activities, school or community activities, in which you are involved, work experience, and/or volunteerism.

5. If selected to be part of Iowa Youth Congress, how will you manage your time between school, work, extracurricular activities, and Iowa Youth Congress?

6. Are you interested in a leadership position as a Regional Officer?